

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
GREENVILLE DIVISION**

PHILLIP HENRY MOORE

PLAINTIFF

V.

NO. 4:17CV00032-JMV

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY

DEFENDANT

ORDER ON PETITION FOR ATTORNEY FEES

Before the Court is Plaintiff's motion [20] for attorney fees pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act ("EAJA"), 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d). In these proceedings Plaintiff sought judicial review of the Social Security Commissioner's final decision denying a claim for benefits. By Final Judgment [17] dated November 7, 2017, this Court remanded this case to the Commissioner for further proceedings. Plaintiff now seeks attorney fees and expenses in the amount of \$4,962.36 on the grounds that he was the prevailing party and the Commissioner's position was not "substantially justified." The Acting Commissioner states she has no objection to the motion but requests that any award be made payable directly to Plaintiff in accordance with the Supreme Court's decision in *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586 (2010).

For good cause shown, the Court finds Plaintiff is entitled to an award of fees; the requested amount of fees is reasonable; no special circumstances would make the requested award unjust; and the award should be made payable to Plaintiff.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

That the Acting Commissioner shall promptly pay to Plaintiff a total of \$4,962.36 in attorney's fees for the benefit of counsel for Plaintiff.

This, 22nd day of January, 2018.

/s/ Jane M. Virden
U. S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE